




City of San Diego
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CITY COUNCILMEMBER –DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2012

TO: Mayor Jerry Sanders
San Diego City Councilmember's

FROM: Councilmember Carl DeMaio 

RE: Creation of a BRAC Preparedness Taskforce

San Diego is proud of the strong military presence in our region. The Department of Defense recently announced anticipated cuts in military spending totaling \$487 billion over the next ten years. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is expected to seek legislation creating a new Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) to analyze and recommend base closures.

In response to this anticipated action, I respectfully request the Mayor and City Council creation of a city taskforce focused on defending our military assets during the BRAC process. The taskforce would track the BRAC process for the City and work to protect the military assets in and around San Diego.

Failure to take an active role in the BRAC process could have a devastating impact on our local economy if major military assets and jobs are taken from San Diego.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical matter.